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Message of Hon'ble Foreign Minister



It is a matter of immense pleasure that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is publishing its Annual Report for the FY 2021-22. The report, I understand, would give a brief idea about the workplan, administrative structure and financial management of the Ministry, in addition to its achievements and successes.

Bangladesh has celebrated the golden jubilee of its independence in 2021 and also successfully completed the observance of 'Mujib Birth Centenary'; which commemorated the vibrant life of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his sacrifice for the Bengali nation as well as for the self-revelation of this nation as a spirited one. Under the able leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs marched forward to the global arena keeping the principle dictated by the Father of the Nation, "Friendship to all, malice to none."

Under the directive of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the government is working relentlessly to uplift Bangladesh as a developed country by the year 2041, materialization of the dream of Bangabandhu to build 'Sonar Bangla' and realization of the sustainability-focused next 100 years' 'Delta plan'. Through the diplomatic missions, the Ministry is proceeding to strengthening diplomatic ties with different countries and exploring new horizons for economic partnership. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has put utmost emphasis on uplifting the rights of the migrant Bangladeshi workers, render consular services at the doorstep, setting the welfare services all around the world in motion and connecting the Bangladeshi Diaspora to the mainstream of Bangladesh. At present we are focusing on the two promising and prospective aspects of diplomacy, 'Economic Diplomacy' and 'Public Diplomacy'. We have kept the 'Rohingya issue' existent in the global community and have received the endorsement of the world opinion regarding Bangladesh's contribution in sheltering these distressed people.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with a wide vision of representing Bangabandhu and Bangladesh, has established 'Bangabandhu Corner' in the headquarter, State Guest House, Foreign Service Academy, other affiliated organizations and all Bangladesh Missions abroad. To increase the scope of service and to extend diplomatic functions, newer missions are being opened. As a result of the appreciation of diligent endeavor and noticeable innovation, this Ministry has achieved the "Public Administration Award 2021-22".

I strongly believe that in the upcoming days the Ministry and the Missions abroad will act more pragmatically with continuous ventures. My heartfelt thanks and good wishes to all who has put endeavor to prepare and publish this comprehensive report.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu. May Bangladesh live forever.

Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP

Message of Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs



I am extremely delighted to know that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) is going to publish its Annual Report of FY 2021-22. The Annual Report of MoFA is the strong manifestation of the Ministry's effort to represent diplomatic and consular activities of Bangladesh. We all know that MoFA is pursuing Bangladesh's external economic and trade interests, promotes its culture abroad and disseminates information to foreign countries. As the premier and only state diplomatic agency, MoFA is working relentlessly to protect legal rights and promote the interests of its citizens and other legal entities in foreign countries.

The cardinal principle of our Foreign Policy, "Friendship to all, malice to none" was laid down by father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. His political and philosophical worldviews were shaped by his deep-rooted bond with his own people, era, culture, socio-political circumstances and the larger society. In fact, the foreign policy that we are pursuing today under the dynamic leadership of Bangabandhu's daughter, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, represents the fundamental values and principles that Bangabandhu presented to the world body. While protection and promotion of our national interests remained the core priorities, our overarching objective is to achieve Bangabandhu's dream, the "Sonar Bangla", a modern, vibrant, and economically prosperous country where no one will be left behind. Bangladesh's diplomatic strength lies in her engagements in various normative and policymaking initiatives including promotion of international peace and security through peacekeeping and peace building activities.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh is responsible for the state's diplomacy, bilateral, and multilateral relations as well as for providing support for our country's people who are living abroad. On the other hand, the primary purpose of our missions is to assist the Bangladesh citizens who travel to or live in the host country. It gives me immense pleasure to see that MoFA has continued its services in person and online to the country's citizens who are staying abroad all the time, even during the pandemic situation.

The MoFA's annual report will provide information with necessary data and insights into important events and success, enrich our govt. officials and country's citizens who are abroad to make them knowledgeable about various activities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

I firmly believe that this important publication will be useful for the relevant stakeholders. I would like to thank the officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for undertaking this huge task of preparing the Annual Report of FY 2021-22.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu.
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Md. Shahriar Alam, MP

Message of Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary)



It is my great pleasure to see the publication of the Annual Report 2021-22 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This is a quick snapshot of the immense volume of work undertaken by the Ministry and its 81 Missions abroad during the period of July 2021 to June 2022. The Annual Report not only compiles in brief the major activities of the Ministry, its Missions abroad, Foreign Service Academy in the twelve months' period ending on 30 June 2022, it also meets the important requirement of the Annual Performance Agreement (APA) and the Right to Information (RTI).

In the past fiscal year, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its Missions abroad had been involved in multifarious activities both within the country and outside. Hon'ble President and Prime Minister visited a number of countries in the past FY. Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs remained deeply engaged and busy on bilateral and multilateral issues all through the year visiting a number of countries and receiving a host of dignitaries. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs concluded the Mujib Year's activities with hosting the World Peace Conference in December 2021. The Ministry also hosted the D-8 Ministerial Meeting in April 2022. In March 2022, the Ministry in coordination with its Missions in Europe successfully evacuated Bangladeshi nationals from Ukraine following the outbreak of conflict there. Ministry's hard work was rewarded by the Government when it received the Public Administration Award in March 2022. Greater emphasis was given in public diplomacy and economic diplomacy in the past FY. The Ministry and the Missions have ramped up its public diplomacy activities with a view to reach out to greater number of people and promote the work of the Ministry and the government. The Ministry has also published two important books – 'World leaders on Bangabandhu and Bangladesh' and 'Bangabandhu Corners Around The World' in the past FY and rolled out its new monthly newsletter 'Bangladesh Rising' which aims to promote the success stories of Bangladesh at the world stage. In June 2022, the Ministry and its Missions abroad observed the first-ever 'Economic Diplomacy Week' with the view to showcase the great potential of Bangladesh and draw international attention to this.

The examples mentioned above are just a few of the huge undertakings by the Ministry and its Missions abroad. Guided by Article 25 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Ministry and its subordinate offices have been striving hard and playing an instrumental role to uphold the image of Bangladesh as a peace-loving, progressive, resilient, developing country aspiring to become a developed one by 2041.

I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to all officials of the Ministry, the Missions abroad and the Foreign Service Academy for their contribution in bringing out this Annual Report. I would like to specially thank the Public Diplomacy Wing for compiling the inputs received from all around the globe, edit those suitably and bringing out this publication. This is not a volume of all activities of the Ministry in the past fiscal year. However, the Ministry has tried to ensure all major activities to be incorporated here. I, once again, thank all concerned involved in the process of successfully bringing out the Annual Report 2021-22 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Masud Bin Momen'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Masud Bin Momen



Introduction

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs formulates and executes the foreign policy of the Government of Bangladesh. The core guidance of policy formulation comes from the relevant section of the Constitution of Bangladesh. In developing the external policy of the Republic, the Ministry draws from the laws of the land, acts of the Parliament, international treaties that Bangladesh is a State party to, and other customary sources.

In discharging its functions, the Ministry follows the provisions of the Rules of Business of the Government of Bangladesh. The Foreign Ministry represents the State to foreign governments and international organizations through its 81 missions across the globe. The Ministry's goals are to develop and maintain friendly relations with other States and foster cooperation with developed, developing and least developed countries, and various regional, sub-regional, political and economic groups.

The Ministry pursues Bangladesh's external economic and trade interests, promotes its culture abroad, and disseminates information to foreign countries. It safeguards the legal rights and promotes interests of its citizens and other legal entities in foreign countries. The Ministry discharges its diverse duties through its headquarters in Dhaka and through its network of Missions abroad. The work of the Ministry is conducted by a number of wings. These divisions gather, analyze and process information, set priorities and draws up options according to the allocation of their individual areas and responsibilities.



Foreign Policy of Bangladesh

The Foreign Policy of Bangladesh emanates from the following provisions of the Bangladesh Constitution.

Article 25: Promotion of international peace, security and solidarity

1[***] The State shall base its international relations on the principles of respect for national sovereignty and equality, non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries, peaceful settlement of international disputes, and respect for international law and the principles enunciated in the United Nations Charter, and on the basis of those principles shall -

- (a) Strive for the renunciation of the use of force in international relations and for general and complete disarmament;
- (b) Uphold the right of every people freely to determine and build up its own social, economic and political system by ways and means of its own free choice; and
- (c) Support oppressed peoples throughout the world waging a just struggle against imperialism, colonialism or racialism.

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Conducting a coordinated
and effective foreign
policy for Bangladesh.



Mission

Conducting an effective foreign policy with a view to safeguarding the national interest of Bangladesh and enhancing its image by building an efficient and modern diplomatic service in the ever-changing international context.



Strategic Objectives

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT

1. Protecting Bangladesh's interests, enhancing partnerships and strengthening Rohingya repatriation efforts in in multilateral, regional and international forums;
2. Consolidating bilateral relations with other countries of the world including neighbouring countries;
3. Expansion of foreign trade and investment through strengthening economic diplomacy, development of blue economy, expansion of foreign employment etc;
4. Enhancing the country's image and diplomatic goodwill through achieving excellence in public diplomacy and statecraft;
5. Simplifying and improving the consular and welfare services.

ESSENTIAL STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. Enhancing the implementation of reforms and good governance activities.



Functions

1. Maintaining and developing diplomatic relations related to bilateral interests with other countries including the neighbouring countries;
2. Maintaining regular communication and arranging discussions with international, regional and sub-regional organizations including the United Nations; representation of the country in different multilateral international forums as well as holding international meetings/seminars/conferences in Dhaka; execution of international agreements/memorandum of understanding and doing necessary coordination for this purpose;
3. Arranging foreign visits of the Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister as well as visits of foreign heads of state and government to Bangladesh, and observe appropriate protocol; handling of protocol issues regarding foreign diplomatic and consular representatives hosted in Bangladesh;
4. Taking multifarious initiatives to celebrate the golden jubilee of independence, accomplishment of 50 years' diplomatic relations with various countries and observance of the ongoing "Mujib Year" as well as providing rendering necessary assistance to nationally organized events;
5. While upholding Bangladesh's interest, ensuring constructive stance on the issues including safe repatriation of the Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals sheltered in Bangladesh, various contemporary global-regional issues related to climate change, international immigration and overall non-traditional national security measures;
6. Taking efficient steps for accelerating economic diplomacy and thus achieving increased foreign trade and investment, expansion of the labor market, transfer of advanced technology and facilitating Bangladesh's journey through the path of transition from the less developed country to a developed one;
7. Overall management of Bangladesh Missions abroad along with delivery of various assistance including consular welfare services to the migrant Bangladeshi citizens and coordination of all matters related to foreign relations with various ministries of the government;
8. Conducting strong external publicity and comprehensive public diplomacy activities to project the image of Bangladesh as a non-communal, democratic and progressive state in the world;
9. Coordinating the activities of Bangladesh missions abroad with various ministries of the government with focus to sustainable exploration and extraction of marine resources in seabed, conducting blue economy and resolving disputes on land and sea boundaries;
10. To preserve and promote the interests of Bangladesh and Bangladeshi citizens in home and abroad and ensure the welfare of the expatriate citizens of Bangladesh in the sectors including culture, economy, advanced technology, trade, education, training etc.

The Structure and Human Resources of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Ministry runs its work through Secretariat in Dhaka, 81 Missions abroad and 03 affiliated organizations:

- Foreign Service Academy,
- Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS),
- Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) respectively.

NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND STAFFS:

Classes	Grade	Name of Post	Number of Sanctioned Post	Total Manpower
*Class-1 (Cadre + Non Cadre)	1	Senior Secretary	1	1
		Secretary	0	2
		Rector	1	0
		High Commissioner/ Ambassador (A Grade)	14	9
	2	Additional Foreign Secretary	5	1
		High Commissioner/ Ambassador (B Grade)	22	13
	3	Director General	19	21
		High Commissioner/ Ambassador (C Grade)/ Deputy High Commissioner/ Consul General/ Minister	40	44
	5	Director	44	34
		Assistant High Commissioner/Counsellor	53	62
	6	Senior Assistant Secretary	41	23
		First Secretary	67	36
		Second Secretary	28	14
	9	Assistant Secretary	51	75
Third Secretary		9	17	
Total (*class-1)			395	361

Classes	Grade	*Name of Post	Number of Sanctioned Post	Total Manpower
*Class-II	10	Administrative Officer	250	225
		Personal Officer	157	99
		Assistant Cypher Officer	65	45
		Superintendent	1	1
		Protocol Officer	1	1

Classes	Grade	*Name of Post	Number of Sanctioned Post	Total Manpower
	13	Research Assistant	1	0
		Steno Typist Cum-Computer Operator	56	2
		Computer Operator	4	0
	14	Upper Division Assistant	1	0
	15	Telex Operator	8	0
		Wireless Operator	10	0
	16	Receptionist	5	0
		Office Assistant Cum Computer typist	51	37
		Imam	1	0
		Telephone Operator	4	1
		Electrician	2	0
		Driver	84	63
			Type writer Mechanic	1
18	Dispatch Rider	4	3	
	Photocopy Operator	4	4	
Total (*Class-II +*Class-III)			710	483

Classes	Grade	*Name of Post	Number of Sanctioned Post	Total Manpower
1	2	4	5	8= 6+7
*Class-IV	19	Daftary	06	07
		Packer	01	
		Vehicle Mechanic	01	
		Bus Helper	01	
	20	Muazzin	01	118
		Office Support Staff/Security Guard	184	
		Messenger	06	
		Gardener	05	
		Sweeper/Cleaner	09	
	Total (*Class-IV)			214

TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS:

Number of Training and Workshop held in the Ministry	Number of officers training in abroad	Number of officers participated for higher studies in abroad
57	17	5

BUDGET MANAGEMENT:

Amount (in crore)

Type	Budget 2021-22	Revised Budget 2021-22	Actual expenditure	Percentage of expenditure	
				Against main budget	Against revised budget
Operational	1526.65	1465.79	966.73	62.48%	65.95%
Development	129.18	125.48	51.00	39.48%	40.65%
Total	1655.83	1591.27	1017.74	61.46%	63.95%

DISCIPLINARY/DEPARTMENTAL CASES:

Total number of departmental cases in FY 2021-22	Number of resolved cases				Total number of unresolved departmental cases
	Number of dismissal from service	Other Penalty	Release	Total	
16	01	03	01	05	11

LIST OF VVIP VISITS (HON'BLE PRESIDENT AND HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER)

Dignitary	Date	Destination
Hon'ble Prime Minister	17-18 September 2021	Finland
Hon'ble Prime Minister	19-24 September 2021	New York, USA (attending UNGA)
Hon'ble Prime Minister	25-30 September 2021	Washington DC, USA
Hon'ble President	09-18 October 2021	Berlin, Germany
Hon'ble President	19-25 October 2021	London, UK
Hon'ble Prime Minister	31 October-02 November 2021	Glasgow, Scotland (attending COP-26)
Hon'ble Prime Minister	03-08 November 2021	London, UK
Hon'ble Prime Minister	09-13 November 2021	Paris, France
Hon'ble Prime Minister	22-27 December 2021	Maldives
Hon'ble Prime Minister	07-12 March 2022	Abu Dhabi, UAE

VISITS OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES TO BANGLADESH

Dignitary	Date
Hon'ble President of the Republic of India	15-17 December 2021
Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark	25-27 April 2022

CONSULAR AND WELFARE SERVICES IN FY 2021-22

Sl. No.	Services	No.
1	Inauguration of E-Passport Services in Bangladesh Missions abroad	15
2	Police Clearance Certificate attestation	10,72,735
3	Power of Attorney/ Foreign certificates	13,879
4	Re-verification of Power of Attorney	2,389
5	Education certificate attestation	1,99,603
6	Other certificates (Marriage certificate/ Local Power of Attorney/ family certificate/ Birth and Death Registration certificate etc.) attestation	2,76,605
7	Sending NOC issuance requests for Foreign Nationals to Ministry of Home Affairs	2,246
8	Note Verbale Issue	3,733
9	LOI Issue	1,733

Sl. No.	Services	No.
10	Diplomatic Passport issue	786
11	Cancellation of Diplomatic passport	362
12	SAARC Visa Sticker Issue	483
13	NOC Issuance for Official Passport	274
14	NOC for cancellation of Official passport	66
15	Sending nationality verification requests of Bangladeshi nationals to Ministry of Home Affairs	874
16	Sending nationality verification reports of Bangladeshi nationals to Bangladesh Missions abroad	552
17	Dead body repatriation	45
18	Repatriation of Bangladeshi Nationals	1,354
19	NOC Issuance for Bangladeshi nationals going abroad	344
20	Public hearing for improving transparency and quick service delivery	4
21	Training for improving the quality of services	5
	Number of total services	15,78,087

NID RELATED SERVICES:

Consular and MRP Wing is working with Bangladesh Election Commission for providing NID services to Bangladesh Expatriates through its Missions abroad. In connection with that Bangladesh Election Commission has already started taking online NID application through their online portal from the Bangladesh expatriates living in the United Kingdom, UAE and Malaysia. Currently, Ministry and Bangladesh Election Commission are working on finalizing the modality of extending this service at Bangladesh Missions abroad.

PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES:

A dedicated mobile phone number (01767169793) and email address (consularqueries@mofa.gov.bd) were introduced to make consular services more transparent and service seekers oriented by the Consular and MRP Wing of the Ministry. Ministry also organized public hearing to listen directly from the service seekers and to improve the quality of services.

DIGITALIZATION OF CONSULAR SERVICES:

Consular and MRP Wing is working with A2i to provide it's all consular services through online platform. Few services have already been digitalized and others will also be available soon at MyGov online platform.

COUNSELLING AND DATA COLLECTION FROM LIBYA RETURNEES:

Bangladesh Government has already repatriated 1150 illegal Bangladesh nationals from different detention centres of Libya and Tunisia in the financial year 2021-22.



Major Achievements
of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
during FY 2021-22

Hon'ble Prime Minister Participated in the "Generation Equality Forum 2021"



On 01 July 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina participated through a pre-recorded video message in the "Generation Equality Forum 2021" which was convened by UN Women and co-hosted by France and Mexico. The statement was aired in the Action Coalition Session on "Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality". In her statement, Hon'ble Prime Minister highlighted the initiatives taken by Bangladesh for women empowerment such as launching practical projects to create women IT professionals and efficient entrepreneurs, digital apps in addressing violence against women, cyber awareness training etc. She further added that women's empowerment has been a priority of Bangladesh and "Digital Bangladesh Vision" has meaningfully integrated women in the IT sector. Hon'ble Prime Minister pledged to increase women's participation in the ICT sector, including tech start-ups and e-commerce sector to 25% by 2026 and 50% by 2041. The Forum was inaugurated by the President of France Emmanuel Macron, the President of Mexico Andrés Manuel López Obrador, as well as by the UN Secretary-General António Guterres and convener of the Forum, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women.

Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated the "1st V20 Climate Vulnerables Finance Summit"

On 08 July 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the then chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), inaugurated the '1st V20 Climate Vulnerables

Finance Summit' through video conference. She also launched the "Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan-Decade 2030" in honour of the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman during the occasion. Concurrently, the first conference of finance ministers of 'Vulnerable Twenty (V20)' Group was chaired by the Hon'ble Finance Minister Mr. A H M Mustafa Kamal. Heads of State and Government of CVF countries, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Chair of the Global Center on Adaptation Ban Ki-moon, Finance Ministers of V20 countries, Ministers and representatives of G7 and G20 countries, Heads of International Financial Institutions (IFIs), and Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and partners attended the conference.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placed a five-point proposal, including the green recovery of climate vulnerable countries, who are being pushed to the edge, with support from the developed nations during the event. She urged the finance ministers, development partners, international financial institutions, and multilateral development banks to find novel financing solutions to attain climate prosperity. Bangladesh, through CVF, initiated a new climate prosperity program to move from climate vulnerability to climate resilience and then turn climate resilience into climate prosperity. In addition, the 'Vulnerable Twenty' (V20) Group of Finance Ministers released a Communique that called for leadership by industrialized nations and cooperation to urgently transform and align the global economic system with the goals of the Paris Climate Treaty for a more robust, greener, and equitable recovery.



MOU signed between Bangladesh and Malaysia regarding LNG supply

On 13 July 2021, A MOU between Bangladesh and Malaysia in the field of co-operation in the supply

of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) was inked virtually. Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Malaysia signed the MOU on behalf of the Government of Malaysia while for the Government of Bangladesh it was signed by Mr. Nasrul Hamid, State Minister of the Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources of Bangladesh.

Hon'ble Foreign Minister paid a call on President of Uzbekistan

On 16 July 2021, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh paid a call on Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of Uzbekistan. Bangladesh Foreign Minister was accompanied by Mr. Md Zahangir Alam, Bangladesh Ambassador to Uzbekistan. During the meeting, they discussed about opening of Uzbekistan Mission in Dhaka and resumption of direct flights. Foreign Minister handed over to the Uzbekistan President an invitation from the President of Bangladesh to visit Bangladesh.

Hon'ble Foreign Minister attended the 28th ASEAN Regional Forum

On 06 August 2021, Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP attended the 28th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Ministerial meeting held virtually in Brunei. Representatives of 26 member states including foreign ministers, deputy foreign ministers participated in this meeting. Foreign Minister emphasized on collective efforts by the ASEAN leaders in tackling challenges faced by ASEAN region, Bangladesh's leading role in combating climate crisis, Bangladesh's peace-centric foreign policy and its role in UN's disarmament diplomacy and sought effective cooperation from world leaders for sustainable solution of Rohingya crisis. The Foreign Ministers had a substantive exchange of views on possible areas of collaboration and cooperation i.e. Rohingya crisis, climate change, nuclear proliferation, cyber security and other regional issues.

On 7 August 2021, Bangladesh flag was hoisted for the first time in Sudan at Bangladesh Chancery building was hired on 4 August.

Audio-visual on Bangabandhu displayed at Times Square

On 15 August 2021, Bangladesh Consulate General in New York arranged screening of an audio-visual clip consisting of different memorable moments of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman including his historic March 7th speech at the faMOUs 'Ball Drop' billboard at Times Square to mark the National MOU'ning Day. It generated much interest among the tourists and the Americans about Bangabandhu and Bangladesh.

Hon'ble Foreign Minister Visited Bangladesh Peacekeeping Contingents in South Sudan

From 19 to 21 August 2021, Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP visited Bangladesh Peacekeeping Contingents deployed in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). Hon'ble Foreign Minister exchanged views with the Acting Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for UNMISS among others. During these discussions, Hon'ble Foreign Minister highlighted the exemplary achievements, competence and readiness of Bangladeshi peacekeepers. Hon'ble Foreign Minister paid a courtesy call on His Excellency the President of South Sudan, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Acting Minister of Defense, the Deputy Foreign Minister of South Sudan and the Governor of the country's Wau Province. All of them highly appreciated the contribution of Bangladeshi peacekeepers in the development of South Sudan's infrastructure, health services and social development activities. The South Sudan government named a road as the "Bangladesh Road" in its capital Juba. It was constructed with the help of the Bangladesh UN Peacekeeping Engineering contingent.

Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, D.C. briefed on efforts to improve working condition

On 10 September 2021, Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, DC hosted a roundtable to brief the US

government and relevant stakeholders on the ongoing efforts to improve factory safety and workers' welfare in the readymade garment industry in Bangladesh and encourage more US import of Bangladeshi readymade garments. The roundtable discussion was participated by Mr. Faruque Hassan, President of BGMEA, senior U.S. government officials and representatives from the US Trade Representative (USTR), Department of State, US-Bangladesh Business Council, American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA), Walmart, Target and senior officials of the Embassy.

Hon'ble Prime Minister visited Finland

On 17-19 September 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stopped for a layover in Helsinki, Finland en route to New York, USA to attend the 76th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). She was received by the Head of South Asia Desk at the Helsinki airport when he handed over a letter of Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin to the Hon'ble Prime Minister. In response, Hon'ble Prime Minister also wrote a letter to the Finnish Prime Minister during her stay in Helsinki. Hon'ble Prime Minister stopped over in Helsinki on 1 October 2021 on her way back to Dhaka from New York after attending the 76th United Nations General Assembly.

E-Passport has been launched in Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, D.C.

On 17 September 2021, Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, DC introduced the electronic passport (e-passport) service. Ambassador of Bangladesh to the USA Mr. M Shahidul Islam and Secretary of Security Services Division of Home Ministry Mr. Md. Mokabbir Hossain jointly inaugurated the e-passport services.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Addressed the 'Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate'

On September 17 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister delivered her remarks at the "Major Economies Forum

on Energy and Climate" convened by U.S. President Joe Biden in Washington, D.C. She urged the major world economies to work with all the stakeholders to ensure a sustainable future for the next generation. Hon'ble Prime Minister also placed a six-point proposal for the Forum's consideration, where she, inter alia, called upon the major carbon-emitting countries to reduce their emissions to keep the global temperature rise at 1.5 degrees celsius and fulfil the commitment of annual 100 billion dollars climate fund by the developed countries. As the current Chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stressed the significant impacts facing vulnerable countries and the importance of moving from "climate vulnerability to climate resilience to climate prosperity." Heads of States/Governments from Argentina, Australia, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and the United Kingdom, as well as the UN Secretary-General, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Mr. John Kerry, and leaders of the European Commission and the European Council participated in the Summit, among others.



On 23 September 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressed the 'United Nations Food Systems Summit 2021'. She put forward a five-point suggestion for ensuring a resilient food system globally.

Hon'ble Prime Minister urged to Declare Covid-19 Vaccines as Global Public Good

On 23 September 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina delivered a speech for the "White House

Global Covid-19 Summit: Ending the pandemic and building back better health security to prepare for the next.” In the speech, she reiterated her call to global leaders to declare Covid-19 vaccines as ‘Global Public Good’ and allow the developing countries and LDCs to produce vaccines. Hon’ble Prime Minister mentioned that Bangladesh has allocated USD 15.4 billion under stimulus packages, disbursed USD 166 million to 4.4 million beneficiaries, including elderly, poor, widows, disabled persons, and informal sector workers.



Bangabandhu-Bapu Digital Exhibition Inaugurated at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy



On 25 September 2021, Bangabandhu-Bapu Digital Exhibition was opened for public viewing at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and ran till 11 October 2021. H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni, Hon’ble Minister for Education, H.E. Mr. KM Khalid, Hon’ble State Minister for Cultural Affairs and H.E. Mr. Vikram Kumar Doraiswami, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh graced the opening ceremony of the Exhibition. The exhibition has gained much accolades for portraying the life, ideology and legacy of the Fathers of each of the nations, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Mahatma Gandhi. The exhibition was virtually inaugurated by the Hon’ble Prime Ministers of Bangladesh and India on 16 December 2020 at the Bangladesh-India Virtual

Summit. During the visit of Hon’ble Prime Minister of India to Bangladesh in March, 2021, both the leaders visited the exhibition at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka. The exhibition was planned to commemorate the ongoing celebrations of Mujib Borsho, 150 years of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, as well as the Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh-India bilateral relations.

Participation of Hon’ble Prime Minister at the General Debate of the 76th Session of the UNGA

On 24 September 2021, Hon’ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressed the General Debate of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly at the General Assembly Hall of the UNHQs. Among others, her statement dominated the issues of Rohingya, climate change and post Covid-19 economic recovery, sustainable development, food security and eliminating inequality.



Hon’ble Prime Minister held bilateral meeting with UN Secretary-General, Deputy-Secretary General and Heads of the States

During the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, UN Secretary-General, UN Deputy

Secretary-General, President of Maldives, Prime Minister of Sweden, Prime Minister of Netherlands, Prime Minister of Barbados, President of Vietnam, Queen of Netherlands met Hon'ble Prime Minister.



Prime Minister of Bangladesh on 21 September 2021 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.



United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres meets Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh on 23 September 2021 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

H.E. Sheikh Sabah Khalad Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait meets H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh on 21 September 2021 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.



Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed meets with Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh on 21 September 2021 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, President of Viet Nam meets H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh on 23 September 2021 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.



H.E. Mr. Stefan Lofven, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Sweden meets with H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble

H.E. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of Maldives meets H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh on 23 September 2021 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs attended an MOU signing in Mexico

On 28 September 2021, a MOU on business cooperation was signed between the FBCCI, Bangladesh, and COMCE, Mexico in the presence of the State Minister for Foreign Affairs during his visit to Mexico.

Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated the new 'Bangladesh House' in Washington, D.C.

On 29 September, 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the newly constructed 'Bangladesh House' in Washington, D.C., took part in a prayer after inaugurating the House and planted a sapling of fringe tree at the house premises. Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP, Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA M Shahidul Islam, among others, were present during the inauguration event.



Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs visited Mexico

On 25-30 September 2021, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP visited Mexico at the invitation of the Mexican President

and participated in the celebration of the 200th year anniversary of Mexican independence on 27 September. A 3-member business delegation accompanied him. At the sidelines of the celebration programme, State Minister had a brief meeting with Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, who was also visiting Mexico to attend the celebration. State Minister also had meetings with Serbian, Dutch, French and Greek Ministers attending the event. During the visit, among other events, the Embassy organized 'Meet the Press' for him with the local journalists and a virtual lecture with the Students of Ibero-Americana University titled 'Meeting the Young Minds'.

Agreement with LDT signed

On 08 October 2021, Agreement with the Lumbini Development Trust (LDT) was signed between Bangladesh and LDT, under which Bangladesh would construct a monastery on the plot allotted by the LDT. The implementation of this agreement would project a secular and inclusive image of Bangladesh in Nepal and other countries of the world.

Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated the RVP of Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant

On 10 October 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the installation of nuclear Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) at the Unit 1 of Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant via videoconferencing from Ganabhaban. Bangladesh Embassy in Moscow coordinated with Ministry of Science and Technology of Bangladesh and Russian State Atomic Energy Commission (ROSATOM) with regard to the installation of RPV.

Bangladesh attended Dubai Expo-2020

From October 2021 to March 2022, Bangladesh Embassy in Abu Dhabi and Bangladesh Consulate General in Dubai facilitated Bangladesh's successful and effective participation and projection of Bangladesh in the mega event Dubai EXPO 2020. During this 6-month period, Bangladesh Pavilion

at the EXPO organized 26 seminars and 7 cultural events at Bangladesh Pavilion and in different venues of Expo 2020 Dubai. Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and 23 Hon'ble Ministers from Bangladesh visited Dubai Expo 2020 on different occasions. Hon'ble Prime Minister visited Expo 2020 Dubai venue on 08 March 2022 on the occasion of Women's Day. During this VVIP visit three MOUs were signed on higher education, diplomatic academy, strategic studies institutions and one MOU on Joint Business Council. 5 UEA federal ministers and many other dignitaries from different countries of the world visited Bangladesh pavilion.

Foreign Secretary joined the 4th Bangladesh-EU Diplomatic Consultations

From 24 to 27 October 2021, Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen visited Brussels leading an eight-member inter-ministerial delegation for the 4th Bangladesh-EU Diplomatic Consultations. During the meeting, both sides agreed to launch the Bangladesh-EU Political Dialogue as an institutional mechanism and to launch the Bangladesh-EU Climate Dialogue in 2022. Foreign Secretary also met his counterpart Mrs. Theodora Gantzis, President of the Steering Committee of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 26 October 2021. During the visit, both sides signed a 'Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of a Bilateral Consultation Mechanism between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of Belgium' on 26 October 2021.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urged global leaders to fulfil climate funding pledges

On 31 October-12 November 2021, a delegation led by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina participated in the 26th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Glasgow, Scotland. As the Prime Minister of the 7th most Climate-

Vulnerable Country and the chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), Hon'ble Prime Minister called for urgent action to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5 degree Celsius. She also highlighted Bangladesh's major initiatives to combat climate change including submission of updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the UNFCCC, formulation of Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan and establishment of Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund. Hon'ble Prime Minister also urged the world leaders to fulfil their funding pledges as per the Paris Agreement in her speech at COP26.



OIGM started functioning at MoFA

In October 2021, the Office of the Inspection General of Missions (OIGM) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs began functioning. The post of the Inspector General of Missions and relevant office structure were finalized in 2013. However, the OIGM was not established until 2021. It has recently finalized its 'Terms of Reference' (TOR).

Bangladesh Trade and Investment Summit, 2021 held at Tehran

From 26 October to 01 November 2021, Bangladesh Embassy in Tehran facilitated the participation of Iranian and Azerbaijan trade bodies in a virtual

meeting in the 'Bangladesh Trade and Investment Summit 2021' jointly organized by the Ministry of Commerce and Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI). The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina.

Climate Vulnerable Countries adopted Dhaka-Glasgow Declaration

On 2 November 2021, on the sidelines of the COP-26, the leaders of 55 Climate Vulnerable Countries adopted Dhaka-Glasgow Declaration outlining their demands for COP26 at the CVF Leaders' Dialogue chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The Dhaka-Glasgow Declaration garnered expected political traction. The international community and influential media duly noted the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Climate Change diplomacy.



Hon'ble Prime Minister went to Paris, France on official visit



From 09 to 13 November 2021, at the invitation of French President Emmanuel Macron, H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh paid an

official visit to France. The 5-day long visit entailed a number of bilateral and multilateral engagements, all bearing immense political and economic significance for Bangladesh. Alongside her bilateral talks at the Elysée Palace (Office of the French President) and Matignon (Office of the French Prime Minister), Hon'ble Prime Minister held meetings with Ms. Audrey Azouley, Director General of UNESCO, Mr. Richard Ferrand, President of the National Assembly; Bangladesh-France Parliamentary Friendship Group.

During the bilateral meeting with the French President, the two countries also agreed to strengthen dialogue and continue their cooperation through technology transfer and knowledge sharing. Both the leaders also joined for a tete-a-tete.



In the same evening, Hon'ble Prime Minister had a bilateral meeting with her French counterpart at the Matignon. During the meeting, they had elaborate talks on bilateral relations, economic partnership and cooperation in health, education and research. A Letter of Intent on Defence Cooperation was also inked in presence of both the Prime Ministers. During the Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit, Bangladesh and France also signed three other instruments outlining cooperation in civil aviation, health and water sectors.

On her official visit to the UNESCO, Hon'ble Prime Minister addressed the General Conference of the Organization. She reiterated Bangladesh's continued and committed engagement in future and hoped for enhanced cooperation among the Member States in implementing the mandate of UNESCO.

The visit was conjoined with awarding the newly introduced UNESCO-Bangladesh Bangabandhu International Prize for Creative Economy where the two surviving daughters of the Father of the Nation - Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana took the stage to hand over the award to the winner 2021 MoTIV Creations Limited, a creative organization

from Uganda. In the statement delivered in Bangla, the Hon'ble Prime Minister recalled the vision of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to promote creative economy for the newly independent and war-ravaged Bangladesh.



At the invitation of the Director General of UNESCO, the Bangladesh Premier also attended the celebration of 75th Anniversary of the UNESCO. During her remarks, she highlighted Bangladesh's peace-centric diplomacy and recalled its proposition for adopting Culture of Peace. She also identified education, culture, science and communication as the critical enablers for Culture of Peace and emphasized on harnessing benefits of science for the welfare of people.



At the invitation of the French President, the Hon'ble Prime Minister joined the inauguration ceremony of the Paris Peace Forum. She delivered a speech on 'Minding the Gap: Improving Global Governance after COVID-19'.

Hon'ble Prime Minister also joined the 'High-Level Panel Discussion on South-South and Triangular Cooperation' at the forum. She reiterated Bangladesh's commitment towards the South-South Cooperation agenda and emphasized on the limitations of the mechanism.

Hon'ble Prime Minister attended the 41st General Conference of the UNESCO



On 11 November 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister attended the 41st session of the UNESCO General Conference in Paris. This was the first ever Head of Government level participation from Bangladesh in the UNESCO General Conference. While addressing the conference, Hon'ble Prime Minister mentioned about Bangladesh's significant progress in education, gender parity in primary and secondary education and girls' education. Highlighting the "new divide" in education system exposed during the COVID-19 pandemic, she urged the international community to declare "remote learning and online education" as a global public good. She also called upon the UNESCO to work with Governments, private sectors and other stakeholders to rally partnership and resources to make this happen. She also urged UNESCO to put greater emphasis on climate education and technical assistance to raise greater awareness and sensitivities to climate challenges.

Hon'ble Prime Minister addressed the Special High-Level event on the 75th Anniversary of UNESCO



On 12 November 2021 in Paris, Hon'ble Prime Minister addressed the special High-Level event on the 75th anniversary of UNESCO. In her statement, Hon'ble Prime Minister mentioned that Bangabandhu's deep "faith in the indomitable spirit of man-in the capacity of the people to achieve the impossible and to overcome insurMOUNtable odds" resonates the very spirit of the UNESCO. She hoped that the "UNESCO- Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman International Prize for the Creative Economy", which was launched on 11 November 2021, would encourage the development of creative entrepreneurship. Highlighting the achievements and initiatives of the Government of Bangladesh in education, science, culture, she stressed on the need of harnessing the benefit of science and scientific researches for the welfare of people.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina ranked among top five influential dealmakers at the COP-26 World Leaders Summit

On 01-02 November 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended the two-day World Leaders

Summit of the COP-26 hosted by the UK. She was acknowledged as "the Voice of the Vulnerable" by the BBC being one of the top five global dealmakers to influence negotiations at the Glasgow COP26 and a strong moral voice who spoke on behalf of countries most threatened by climate change.

Hon'ble Prime Minister participated in the 13th Asia-Europe meeting



On 25-26 November, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina participated in the 13th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) held virtually in Cambodia. Prime Minister of Bangladesh highlighted the initiatives of Bangladesh in controlling the Covid-19 pandemic, emphasized on the concerted efforts of Asia and Europe to mobilize finances and technology to tackle climate change and invited ASEM member states to invest in Bangladesh's long-term projects "Bangladesh Delta Plan" and "Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan". She also expressed Bangladesh's aspiration to become a regional connectivity hub for potential benefits of the neighboring countries and proposed to be one of the bridges in the EU-Asia Connectivity Strategy. She also called for fostering real-time cooperation in anti-trafficking, maritime and cyber security and fighting terrorism. Prime Minister asked for multilateral cooperation from international community for ensuring safe, sustainable, dignified and voluntary repatriation of the Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals to their homeland. She also expressed keen interest of Bangladesh to become a Sectoral Dialogue Partner of ASEAN.



MOU signed between Bangladesh and South Korea

In November 2021, an MOU between Bangladesh-South Korea on Startup Frontier Cooperation was signed to promote foundation for successful frontier start-ups in Bangladesh. On 07 November, 2021, owing to the long-term diplomatic efforts of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the South Korean government lifted the visa ban imposed on Bangladeshi workers and students.

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs attended Dubai Air Show-2021

On 13-18 November 2021, Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP visited UAE to attend the Dubai Air Show-2021 as representative of the Hon'ble Prime Minister. He also attended a seminar titled '*Government as the Vanguard for Inclusive Breakthrough innovation: Experiences for the Global South*' as Chief Guest at Bangladesh Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai organized by a2i Information Lab, PMO.

Bilateral consultations between Bangladesh and Mexico

On 16 November 2021, the first Bilateral Consultations were held between Bangladesh and Mexico. In the meeting, the overall issues of bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Mexico were discussed while emphasizing the economy and trade. Moreover, visa facilitation for diplomats and official passport holders, exchange programs between the Foreign Service academies, bilateral cooperation in the cultural sector, gender equality, defence and tourism were discussed. Bangladesh requested to open a resident mission of Mexico in Dhaka in the near future. On the other hand, Mexican side proposed to form a parliamentary friendship group consisting of the lawmakers of the two countries.

Bilateral consultations between Bangladesh and Maldives

On 26-27 November 2021, the first-ever bilateral consultations between Bangladesh and Maldives was held in Malé on 27 November 2021. Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and

Foreign Secretary of Maldives Mr. Abdul Ghafoor led their respective delegations. They discussed the entire spectrum of bilateral relations and emphasized deepening cooperation for further bilateral collaboration. Foreign Secretary also called on the Maldivian State Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Secretary of Maldives. Later, Foreign Secretary called on Mr. Faisal Nasim, Hon'ble Vice President and had a meeting with Mr. Fayyaz Ismail, Minister for Economic Development. At both meetings, the issue of enhancing trade and commerce between both the countries was discussed. Various welfare issues of expatriate Bangladeshis, regularization / legalization at their workplace, bringing new skilled workers from Bangladesh etc. were also discussed during the meetings.

Hon'ble Prime Minister virtually joined the N4G Summit, 2021

On 07 December 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister joined virtually at the High-level segment of the Tokyo Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit 2021 held in Tokyo. Highlighting Bangladesh's immense achievements and substantial progress in economy, food security, health, and nutrition during the last one decade, Hon'ble Prime Minister made several proposals to ensure healthy and nutritious diets for the growing population.

Hon'ble President of India visited Bangladesh

On 15-17 December 2021, Hon'ble President of India H.E. Shri Ram Nath Kovind paid a State Visit to Bangladesh at the invitation of H.E. Md. Abdul Hamid, Hon'ble President of Bangladesh. On the occasion of three epochal events: Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh and establishing diplomatic relations with India, he attended the Victory Day celebrations as the Guest of Honour. The President of India commenced his visit by paying homage at the National Martyrs' Memorial in Savar and subsequently at Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at 32, Dhanmondi. The visiting President held talks with the President of Bangladesh at Bangabhaban. Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina called on the Indian President and both sides took stock of the progress in bilateral relations. For the first time in the history of Bangladesh, any Head of State attended the celebration of Bangladesh's Victory Day. Moreover, this was President Kovind's maiden visit to Bangladesh and his first overseas visit since the onset of COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier, the Prime Minister of India paid a landmark State Visit to Bangladesh on 26-27 March, 2021. The visits of Prime Minister and President of India to any country in the same year is unprecedented in history. These visits manifest the renewed momentum in Bangladesh-India bilateral ties.



Foreign Secretary presided over a meeting in the USA

On 12 December 2021, the first inter-ministerial meeting was held on the Leahy Law Agreement proposed by the United States, the US sanctions on RAB and current and former officials of RAB. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen presided over the meeting.

Foreign Secretary attended 17th Extraordinary Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC

On 19 December 2021, Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Ambassador Masud Bin Momen led Bangladesh delegation to the 17th Extraordinary Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC on

Afghanistan held in Pakistan and pledged Bangladesh's support to Afghan people through humanitarian aid package in the form of food and medicinal assistance.



Hon'ble Prime Minister visited Maldives

On 22 December 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina arrived in the Maldives for a state visit at the invitation of the Hon'ble President of Maldives H.E. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih. During the

visit, Hon'ble Prime Minister was accompanied by Hon'ble Foreign Minister, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Hon'ble Minister of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment, Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary), Chief of Army Staff, Chairman of National Board of Revenue, Senior Secretary (PMO) and high officials of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister's Office.



World Peace Conference held in Dhaka

It was arranged to mark two seminal events of the country's history- the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of Independence. Being held under the theme 'Advancing Peace Through Social Inclusion', the objective of the Conference was to further disseminate Bangabandhu's ideals of peace and non-violence in the contemporary world and Bangladesh's efforts towards establishing and promoting a culture of peace under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The Conference brought together leading peace proponents in the world, human rights activists, academicians and researchers to speak and discuss on the following four themes: 1. Peace, Justice and Rights; 2. Peace through sustainable development and social well-being; 3. Peace through Interfaith Dialogue, Culture and Heritage; and 4. Peace and Emerging Global Trends. H.E. Md. Abdul Hamid, Hon'ble President of Bangladesh inaugurated the Conference on 04 December 2021. H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh graced the closing ceremony of the Conference on 05 December 2021.



On 04-05 December, 2021, the first-ever World Peace Conference 2021 hosted by Bangladesh took place at Foreign Service Academy.

The 'Dhaka Peace Declaration' (Annex-I) was unanimously adopted at the successful conclusion of the World Peace Conference.

MOU signed between Bangladesh and Thailand

On 20 December 2021, Bangladesh and Thailand signed a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate trade by enhancing maritime connectivity between

the two countries. Port Authority of Thailand (Ranong Port) and Chittagong Port Authority of Bangladesh inked the MOU on the virtual platform. The MOU is part of the greater vision of Bangladesh to enhance connectivity with its neighbours including those in the BIMSTEC region.

MOU signed between Bangladesh and South Korea

On 30 December 2021, an MOU between Bangladesh-South Korea was signed for cooperation in oceanography, geology, biology, genetics, nuclear engineering, material engineering and environmental engineering.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh had a telephone conversation with Hon'ble Prime Minister of Denmark

On 13 January 2022, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh H.E. Sheikh Hasina had a telephone conversation with the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Denmark H.E. Mette Frederiksen on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh's Independence & 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Denmark. They discussed the various aspects of bilateral relations particularly on trade and investment, development, climate change, green transition and blue economy.

MOU on Greek labour market signed between Bangladesh and Greece

On 09 February 2022, Greek labour market for Bangladeshi prospective workers opened up with signing of the historic MOU between Bangladesh and Greece during the visit of the Greek Minister for Migration & Asylum, Mr. Panagiotis Mitarachi to Dhaka. This is the first legal framework of its kind between Bangladesh and one of the EU countries paving the way for 'regular, safe and orderly' migration. The signing of the MOU was preceded by signing of a Declaration of Intent (DoI) between Bangladesh

and Greece during the visit of Mr. Imran Ahmed, MP, Minister of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment to Athens on 29 November 2021.

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs attended the 10th Round of Bangladesh-India Friendship Dialogue

On 17-20 February 2021, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP led a high-level delegation to attend the 10th Round of Bangladesh-India Friendship Dialogue in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India. State Minister stressed the unwavering commitment of the government under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and guided by the principles of Bangabandhu to ensure peace and stability in the region and beyond. On the Indian side, the Dialogue was attended by Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Mr. Jai Ram Thakur, Minister of State for External Affairs of India Mr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh and Member of Governing Council of India Foundation Mr. Ram Madhav. Hon'ble State Minister's participation in this dialogue paved the way for strengthening Track 1.5 diplomacy.



FOC between Bangladesh and Thailand

On 01 March 2022, the Second Foreign Office Consultations between Bangladesh & Thailand took place in Bangkok. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) of Bangladesh Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and his Thai counterpart Permanent Secretary Mr. Thani Thongphakdi led their respective delegations. Consolidating cooperation in the political, economic, security, connectivity, technical, consular, cultural, and social spheres featured during the discussion. After

the official talks, the two Foreign Secretaries unveiled the official logo for celebrating the 50 years of bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Thailand. During this visit, Bangladesh Foreign Secretary also paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Thailand.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Paid an Official Visit to the United Arab Emirates

From 07 to 12 March 2022, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid an official visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at the invitation of her UAE counterpart to participate in the International Women's Day program at EXPO- 2020, Dubai.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended a high-level power panel titled 'Redefining the Future for Women' held in the 'Dubai Expo 2020' on 08 March, 2022. At the panel, she highlighted her government's achievement, including how she has adopted a women development policy to create opportunities for women across sectors and emphasized on more equal education, healthcare, reproductive and other programs to work against the biases and prejudices.



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Hon'ble Prime Minister had a bilateral meeting with the Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and the Ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum at the Leadership Pavilion of the Dubai Expo in the afternoon on 08 March, 2022. They had fruitful discussions on strengthening bilateral relations to advance into deep ties and mutual interests of the two countries. She also invited the UAE Government and investors to invest in important sectors of Bangladesh. After the meeting, four MOUs in the field of cooperation in higher education and scientific research; diplomatic training; cooperation between Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) and Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) and cooperation between Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and Dubai International Chamber were signed in presence of two Prime Ministers.

On March 10, 2022, Hon'ble Prime Minister addressed the business forum jointly organized by FBCCI &

UAE FCCI and virtually witnessed the signing ceremony of MOU between the UAE and Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) to form 'Joint Business Council' at the DP World Pavilion of Dubai Expo 2020.



On 11 March 2022, Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated the 'Bangabandhu Bhaban' at Bangladesh English Private School and College in Ras Al Khaimah while taking part virtually in a civic reception of Bangladeshi expatriates in UAE jointly organized by the Embassy and the Consulate. In her address, Prime Minister mentioned that her Government has taken effective steps for the welfare of expatriate Bangladeshi communities abroad. As part of this, government has been providing necessary assistance for the development of Bangladeshi community schools / colleges in the Bangladeshi inhabited areas abroad and for setting up new community schools.



36th Session of Asia Pacific Regional Conference (APRC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization Held in Dhaka

On 8-11 March 2022, the 36th session of the Asia Pacific Regional Conference (APRC), the bi-annual official forum of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), was held in Dhaka in a hybrid format. Mr. Qu Dongyu, Director General of FAO attended the session in person. He also called on Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Ganabhaban on 13

March 2022. During the call, Dr. Dongyu thanked Hon'ble Prime Minister for successfully hosting 36th APRC and congratulated the government and people of Bangladesh for efforts towards digital agrifood systems transformation. He reiterated FAO's support to achieve SDG, leaving no one behind. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh requested FAO to establish International Seed Bank highlighting its multifaceted importance during times of disaster and pandemic. She also expressed the strong commitment of Bangladesh to support such endeavors. Mr. Md. Shameem Ahsan, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Italy, Montenegro & Serbia and Permanent Representative to FAO, WFP & IFAD was present, among others, during the meeting as well as at the 36th APRC.



2nd FOC between Bangladesh and Oman

On 24 March 2022, the second round of bilateral consultations between Bangladesh and Oman was held in Dhaka during the visit of Sheikh Khalifa Alharthy- Undersecretary for Diplomatic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman to Dhaka. The Bilateral Consultations was led by the Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh and the Undersecretary of Diplomatic Affairs of Oman and reviewed the full scope of bilateral cooperation between Bangladesh in areas of trade and investment, manpower and consular welfare, agriculture, culture, energy security, civil aviation and tourism, exchange of visits, etc. The two sides expressed keenness to scale up the bilateral ties from the existing

phase of 'friendship and cooperation' to the level of 'comprehensive partnership' and agreed to formulate a time-bound and target-based road-map in this regard.

3rd FOC between Bangladesh and South Korea

On 31 March 2022, 3rd Round of the Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs) between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea was held in Dhaka after a gap of almost eight years. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) of Bangladesh, Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and first Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea Mr. Choi Jong Kun led respective delegations at the FOC. During the consultations, both sides agreed to explore

ways to elevate the comprehensive partnership to the next level. The two sides also agreed to deepen cooperation with special focus on trade and investment, human resources development and manpower and agreed to elevate the bilateral engagements to greater heights at the backdrop of the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the diplomatic relations in 2023.

Hon'ble Prime Minister participated virtually in '2022 Gavi COVAX AMC Summit'

On 08 April 2022, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina participated in the virtual conference titled '2022 Gavi COVAX AMC Summit: Break COVID Now' organized by Germany and Vaccine Alliance GAVI. In her speech, she called for the international community's special attention and contribution to ensure global vaccine equity and urged that vaccines should be considered as global public goods. She highlighted the strong healthcare system in Bangladesh that played pivotal role in successful dealing with COVID-19 pandemic and underscored the need of strong international cooperation to respond effectively to public health emergencies.

Hon'ble Prime Minister joined the inauguration of Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Gujrat

On 19 April 2022, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina joined Indian Prime Minister and World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General to inaugurate the first-of-its-kind Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Gujrat in India. She stressed the need for using traditional medicines alongside modern ones to ensure basic healthcare for all in her statement.

Hon'ble Foreign Minister's bilateral visit to the USA

In April 2022, Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K.

Abdul Momen, MP visited the USA. During this important visit, Foreign Minister had several engagements. He held bilateral talks with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on 5 April 2022 in Washington, DC. They discussed all important issues of mutual interest including 50 years of diplomatic ties and looked forward to further deepening Bangladesh-United States relations. Foreign Minister of Bangladesh again met US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken at State Department on 7 April 2022. Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh Ambassador Masud Bin Momen accompanied the Foreign Minister. On 8 April 2022, Foreign Minister held meetings with Mr. Jon Ossoff, Senator from Georgia and Congressman Dr. Ami Bera. Foreign Minister discussed with them the ways and means of enhancing bilateral relations for the best interests of both countries. Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP spoke to Congressman Rep. Steve Chabot, a member of House Foreign Affairs Committee on 10 April 2022 and discussed issues of mutual interest. Foreign Minister expressed Bangladesh's expectations that the sanctions on RAB would be withdrawn soon. Foreign Minister of Bangladesh also met Senator Chuck Schumer, the Senate Majority Leader on 10 April 2022 and discussed repatriation of Bangabandhu's self-confessed killer Rashed Chowdhury. Foreign Minister also called for increased US investment to Bangladesh and proposed revitalization of the Bangladesh caucus. During his US tour, Foreign Minister inaugurated the Consulate General of Bangladesh in Miami, Florida on 6 April 2022.

Foreign Minister visited UAE to pay homage on the demise of the President of UAE

On 15 May 2022, Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP visited Abu Dhabi as Bangladesh's representative and attended the funeral gathering of the second President of the UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi Emirate Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan who passed away on 13 May 2022. At the funeral gathering, the Foreign Minister was received by the new UAE President Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed, Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed and other high dignitaries of the royal family. Dr. Momen expressed condolences on behalf of the President,

Prime Minister and the people of Bangladesh to the UAE leaders. He also congratulated the newly elected President of the UAE. The UAE President Sheikh Mohammed expressed his deep gratitude to Bangladesh leadership and people for their support and sympathy during this time of sorrow and grief.



Serbian Foreign Minister visited Bangladesh: Two instruments signed as both countries celebrated 50 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations

From 24 to 26 May 2022, Serbian Foreign Minister Nikola Selakovic visited Bangladesh. To mark the historic occasion of fifty years of the establishment of diplomatic relations, Bangladesh and Serbia have decided to take up a number of initiatives to further strengthen bilateral relations. Serbian Foreign Minister and Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP had a meeting at the Foreign Service Academy on 26 May 2022 to discuss a wide range of bilateral and multilateral issues.

The bilateral meeting was followed by Signing Ceremony where a Memorandum of Understanding on Foreign Office Consultations and an Agreement on Visa Waiver for the holders of Official and Diplomatic Passports between Bangladesh and Serbia were inked.

During the official meeting, Foreign Minister Momen recalled with profound gratitude the great contribution of former Yugoslavia during the glorious War of Liberation in 1971 and also remembered the personal friendship between Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and

Yugoslav leader Marshal Tito especially how these two leaders were held with reverence by the world leaders. Foreign Minister Selakovic expressed his happiness to visit Bangladesh especially when two countries are celebrating fifty years of friendship and he pointedly mentioned that Bangladesh and Serbia should work more closely for meaningful cooperation so that bilateral trade can be increased. Appreciating the valuable contributions and professionalism of Bangladeshi professionals and workers in Serbia, he mentioned that an alternative approach will be taken to ease visa issuance so that more Bangladeshi nationals can work in Serbia. He also disclosed that Bangladeshi students will be offered more scholarships and shared his plan to organize a Summer Camp for the diplomats where Bangladeshi young diplomats will be invited to join. Highlighting Bangladesh's socio-economic advancement, Foreign Minister Momen shared the investment climate of Bangladesh and requested Serbian investors to consider the opportunity so that Serbia can be a partner in Bangladesh's development trajectory. Later in the afternoon, a talk was organized at the Foreign Service Academy titled "Bangladesh-Serbia: 50 Years of Friendship" where visiting Foreign Minister of Serbia presented the keynote and Foreign Minister of Bangladesh chaired the session.



Bilateral meeting with Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs & Cooperation of Portugal



On 30 May 2022, State Minister for Foreign Affairs had a bilateral meeting with the Secretary of State (State Minister) for Foreign Affairs & Cooperation of Portugal Dr. Francisco André over a luncheon hosted by the Portuguese side in Lisbon. The meeting figured exchange of views on enhancing the bilateral relations in various spheres as well as on some regional and global issues.

Bangladesh State Minister raised the issue of the need of easing the existing visa complexities in the absence of a Portuguese resident Diplomatic Mission in Dhaka and offered every assistance for ensuring periodic consular services provided to Dhaka. The Portuguese Secretary of State commended the Bangladesh expatriate community residing in Portugal as “respected, well integrated community contributing significantly to the Portuguese society” and concurred to the suggestions offered. He assured of his personal intervention to create positive conditions for Bangladeshi immigrants to work and stay in Portugal. Bangladesh State Minister thanked his counterpart for the continued patronage extended to the Bangladeshi expatriates and praised Portugal for their immigrant friendly approaches. He proposed to the State Secretary to work together to chart an orderly and transparent pathway for Bangladeshi citizens to come and work in Portugal under an agreed framework.

The two State Ministers also agreed to deepen cooperation on shipping connectivity, clean energy including green hydrogen, migration and mobility,

Blue Economy, exchange of culture, language and knowledge, people to people linkage and enhanced exchange between officials through Diplomatic and language training programmes. Bangladesh State Minister extended an invitation to Secretary of State André to visit Bangladesh, which was accepted with pleasure. The State Minister was accompanied by Bangladesh Ambassador to Lisbon Mr. Tarik Ahsan and other officials during the meeting.

First Economic Diplomacy Week celebrated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



On 9-11 June 2022, at the Foreign Service Academy, as part of the Economic Diplomacy initiatives of the government of Bangladesh, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized the “First Economic Diplomacy Week”. The theme of this event was “Economic Diplomacy for National Prosperity”. The program was inaugurated by Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP as the Chief Guest on 9 June 2022. Foreign Secretary Ambassador Masud Bin Momen, Secretary (Maritime Affairs Unit) Rear Admiral (Retd) Md. Khurshed Alam and Rector of the Foreign Service Academy Ambassador Asad Alam Siam also delivered their remarks highlighting various aspects of the event. Six panel discussions on six thematic areas took place during this First Economic Diplomacy Week. Panel discussion 1 was titled ‘Blue Economy-the Blue Bangladesh 2.0 Origins, Evolutions, Trends’ and Rear Admiral (Retd) Md. Khurshed Alam, Secretary (MAU) delivered the Keynote speech. ‘Climate Action and SDGs: Challenges & Opportunities’ was the theme for Panel Discussion 2, which was moderated by Ambassador Asad Alam Siam, Rector of Foreign Service Academy. He also moderated Panel discussion 3 titled ‘Agricultural Innovation, Extension & Contract Farming- Food Security for the World’. Ambassador

Mashfee Binte Shams, Secretary (East), Ministry of Foreign Affairs moderated Panel Discussion 4 themed on 'Connectivity - Themes, Maps, Ideation'. Panel Discussion 5 focused on 'Human Skills & Human Resource Export - A New Horizon for Bangladesh' moderated by Md. Iqbal Hussain Khan, Director General (West Asia) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the last panel discussion centred on 'Trade Liberalization and Due Diligence: A Roadmap for Future' was moderated by Faiyaz Murshid Kazi, Director General (West Europe & EU and Multilateral Economic Affairs), Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Hon'ble Foreign Minister met his Swedish counterpart

On 01 June 2022, Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP and his Swedish counterpart Ann Linde agreed to strengthen and expand cooperation to combat climate change during a bilateral meeting held in Stockholm, Sweden on the margins of the Stockholm+50 International Meeting. The Swedish Foreign Minister applauded Bangladesh's leadership role in global climate change discourses, especially as CVF Chair under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Bangladesh Foreign Minister said that "we have just passed on the Presidency of Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) - an alliance of 55 climate vulnerable nations- to Ghana. However, we will continue to promote the interests of the vulnerable nations as part of the TROIKA of CVF"

Conclusion

As a prospective and responsible state, the core aim of the foreign policy and diplomacy pursued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to establish Bangladesh as a peaceful, non-communal and democratic state in the world based on the foreign policy dictum “Friendship to all, malice to none” as portrayed by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. To achieve this, the Bangladesh government is working coherently with other countries as well as various multilateral and regional organizations including the United Nations, Commonwealth, OIC etc. Bangladesh’s active participation in various development activities, especially world peace, climate change, international migration, security and expatriate welfare issues, has greatly elevated the

image of Bangladesh in the international arena. The active role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the foresight and dynamic directive of the Hon’ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has portrayed Bangladesh as a liberal, democratic, non-communal and responsible state in the world. These issues have been reflected in the report under the Annual Performance Agreement. Besides, the challenges the officers face while performing official duties and necessary recommendations to deal with them have been added. The overall inclusion of information in this annual report for the fiscal year 2021-22 has ensured transparency and accountability of the government’s diplomatic activities.

Annex I



World Peace Conference 2021: Advancing Peace through Social Inclusion

Dhaka Peace Declaration

We, the representatives of governments, legislatures, academia, civil society and media, gathered here at the World Peace Conference from 4-5 December 2021, hereby issue and subscribe to the following Dhaka Peace Declaration.

2. We acknowledge the Conference theme 'Advancing Peace through Social Inclusion' as a comprehensive approach to build back better, greener and stronger from the COVID-19 pandemic that has plagued our world in the last couple of years. We recall that the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development remains a blueprint for economic recovery and inclusive growth in the aftermath of the pandemic. We must not relent on international peace diplomacy to resolve armed conflicts that continue to cause mindless suffering to millions of men, women and children around the world.
3. We appreciate the backdrop for the Conference as Bangladesh observes the 'Mujib Year' to mark the 50th anniversary of its independence and the birth centenary of its founding father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. We recall that Bangladesh's journey over the last five decades is a validation for people's emancipation and empowerment as a pathway to sustaining peace, promoting sustainable development and upholding fundamental rights and freedoms.
4. On this occasion, we pay tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for his personal commitment and contributions to peace throughout his illustrious political career. We reflect on his words as he singled out peace as the deepest aspiration of all human beings, identified it as essential to the survival and prosperity of all men and women, and stressed that peace to endure must be peace based on justice.
5. We place our appreciation for the able leadership demonstrated by his political successor, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in taking forward his legacy with courage and determination. Her own stewardship of a 'Culture of Peace' at the United Nations remains Bangladesh's signature contribution to the international discourse on peace and human security.
6. We recall the memory of the martyrs and victims of Bangladesh's War of Liberation in 1971, and reaffirm our pledge of 'never again' to the commission of genocides, war crimes and crimes against humanity. We remind ourselves that despite our commitment, millions around the world continue to be subjected to such international crimes as well as a culture of impunity barring justice and accountability for those crimes. We commit ourselves to forge ahead to end such cowardly persecutions and injustices. We recognize the importance of preserving the memory of past atrocities.
7. We reiterate our abiding commitment to promoting and protecting human rights as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the core international human rights treaties. We attach equal weight to civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights in our quest to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies. We acknowledge the invaluable work done by the UN Human Rights mechanisms, including the Human Rights Council. We commit to ensure protection for human rights defenders. We stress that humanitarian actors be given unhindered access to discharge their mandates. We urge that medical and educational facilities are kept out of harm's way under any circumstances.
8. We underscore the primacy of international humanitarian law during times of both war and peace. We remain attached to the principles of international protection and assistance for refugees and stateless persons around the world. We renew our commitment to international disarmament and non-proliferation in the backdrop of an intensifying global arms race. We renounce the use or threat of use of all weapons of mass destruction, i.e., nuclear, chemical and biological. We denounce terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We see merit in working through community engagements to prevent violent extremism. We must unite our combined strength against transnational criminal networks preying on countless victims.
9. We emphasize the importance of democracy, good governance and the rule of law as critical factors for peace and stability. We value the role played by national parliaments and local government institutions in giving

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voice to people's legitimate demands and aspirations. We condemn colonialism, illegal occupation and unauthorized takeover of power under any pretexts. We recognize the role of peacemaking, peacebuilding and mediation to prevent and end conflicts. We commend the UN peacekeeping personnel for their dedication and services, and maintain our faith in the agency of women and youth in ensuring peace and security.

10. We underline the need for social justice and inclusive development as central pillars of a stable, peaceful and equitable society. We commit to safeguard the right to employment for all adults amid the changing world of work, and to work towards an enabling environment for decent work across all sectors. We call for appropriate policies and legal measures to provide social protection, address inequalities, promote sound investments and conserve the environment. We recognize the critical role played by the private sector in advancing social order and progress. We need a rules-based multilateral trading system as a factor for international peace. We share our common resolve to promote safe, orderly and regular migration. We must ensure that those forcibly displaced get to return home in safety and dignity.

11. We must keep working on redeeming our pledge to 'leave no one behind'. We must continue to keep up our collective battle against poverty, hunger, diseases, malnutrition, illiteracy, homelessness, and all scourges that compromise peace and security. We must create enhanced opportunities for women's political and economic participation. We must redouble our efforts to prevent all forms of violence and exploitation against children. We must give added attention to the special needs of the elderly, persons with disabilities and indigenous persons for their meaningful participation in societies. We have a responsibility to fulfill the internationally agreed development commitments, including for financing, access to innovations, and technology transfer.

12. We subscribe to the underlying and eternal messages of peace across all religions, faiths and belief systems. We believe in the opportunities for continued interface and diffusions among civilizations and value systems. We reject attempts to associate any religion, creed or ethnicity with terrorism and violent extremism. We denounce all forms of violence and abuse on the basis of race, colour or gender. We must allow no space for xenophobia, corruption and disinformation campaigns. We unequivocally condemn communal or sectarian violence.

13. We prize and cherish our diverse cultures, languages and traditions as our shared intangible heritage. We commit to foster human connectivity through education, ethical studies, science, arts, music, literature, media, tourism, fashion, architecture and archeology to build bridges across borders and nations. We need to forge a global consensus to promote responsible behavior in the cyberspace, with special safeguards for our children and youth. We must strive to build defences against wars and conflicts in all human minds, and nurture respect and tolerance for each other by resorting to our common humanity. We must groom our future generations as true global citizens, particularly through education for peace. We urge the UN to actively promote the idea of Global Citizenship.


14. We remain sensitized to the growing security, displacement and ecological challenges posed by climate change and commit to enhanced climate action for a peaceful and sustainable future of our planet. We must join forces to keep our oceans and high seas, outer space and Polar Regions free from armed conflicts and contestations. We need to make the various components and manifestations of the Fourth Industrial Revolution employed at the service of our shared well-being. We must invest in health security and make quality and affordable treatments and vaccines available for all. We envision a world where the existing global inequities no longer persist and where peace and non-violence prevail as inalienable rights.

15. We cannot lose sight of the fact that absence of peace anywhere in the world implies absence of peace everywhere. We must repose our faith and confidence in the spirit of multilateralism. We wish to see the comity of nations made fit for purpose for our evolving global realities. We acknowledge the role of regional cooperation in building trust, understanding and cohesion among peoples. We hope to establish a world order that thrives in harmony with our entire planetary ecosystem. We seek resort to our essential human virtues of love, compassion, tolerance, kindness, empathy and solidarity to achieve lasting peace and security.

16. We take a solemn vow at this World Peace Conference to do our part from our respective vantage points to advance the causes of peace and social inclusion, fundamental rights and freedoms and sustainable development. We take note of the call for continuation of this initiative by Bangladesh to spread the message of peace and friendship to a wider global audience, including by creating a platform to bring the participants together. We thank the government and people of Bangladesh for their gracious hospitality and for rallying us around their shared ideals and vision for peace.



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